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BELGRADE FOR US DEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON CSCE

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1. WHEN I CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL FOR A BRIEFING ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW (REPORTED SEPTTEL), I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HIM ABOUT CURRENT FRG THINKING ON CSCE.

2. IN VAN WELL'S VIEW, THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE HAD, THUS FAR, NOT GONE BADLY FOR THE WEST, IN SPITE OF THE SETBACK SUFFERED BY THE EC. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG INTENDS, AT A MINIMUM, TO ADDRESS THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN ITS OPENING REMARKS AT THE FALL CONFERENCE
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AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS WOULD SEE FIT TO DO LIKEWISE. I NOTED THAT WE HAD SOME CONCERN THAT INTRODUCTION OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES MIGHT DETRACT FROM OTHER SUBJECTS, SUCH AS HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS. THIS WAS SOMETHING ON WHICH FURTHER CONSULTATIONS COULD BE USEFUL.

3. VAN WELL SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONSIDERING DRAFTING A PROPOSAL CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP UNDER BASKET II RELATING TO NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS, BUT NO FIRM DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO PROCEED IN THIS DIRECTION, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF TAKING IT UP IN THE EC.

4. VAN WELL ALSO NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT OF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT CSCE HAD BEEN RAISED BRIEFLY DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH KOVALEV IN MOSCOW. THE SOVIETS SEEMED TO BE IRRITATED WITH THE ACTION BY THE U.S. AND FRG IN NAMING HIGH LEVEL PERSONAGES TO HEAD DELEGATIONS TO THE FALL SESSION AT BELGRADE (CHRISTOPHER FOR THE U.S., AND VAN WELL, HIMSELF, FOR THE FRG). KOVALEV ASSERTED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT VORONTSOV WOULD BE THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT BOTH THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND THE CONFERENCE IN THE FALL.
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